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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public services - Departmental Proceedings against Sri Chitturi Sridhar, Technical Assistant, O/o Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Gudivada under the provisions of Rule 20 of AP Civil Services(CCA) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charge – Issued

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.846 **Date : 01/12/2023**

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada, Surprise Check Report in Lr. Rc.No.110 /DES-VK1/2020-S.9, dt:29.03.2023.
2. G.O.Rt.No.855 ,PR&RD(Vig.VI) Dept, dt: 01-12-2023.

Order :-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri Chitturi Sridhar, Technical Assistant, O/o Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Gudivada in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Chitturi Sridhar, Technical Assistant, O/o Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Gudivada is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this Memorandum a written statement of his defence.

4. He is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Chitturi Sridhar, Technical Assistant, O/o Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Gudivada is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rules 20 of the APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte, based on the material available on record.

6. Attention of Sri Chitturi Sridhar, Technical Assistant, O/o Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Gudivada is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall

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bring or attempt to bring any Political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from any person in respect of any matter dealt within these Proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Chitturi Sridhar, Technical Assistant, O/o Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Gudivada is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the proceedings shall be acknowledged along with Annexure-I, II, III & IV.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
Sri Chitturi Sridhar, Technical Assistant, O/o Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Gudivada(w.e) through the Engineer-in- Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the Charged Officer with dated acknowledgement and send the same for record)

Copy to
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau,, AP., Vijayawada(w.e).
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC, Velagapudi.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST CHITTURI SRIDHAR, TECHNICAL ASSISTANT, O/O EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS & S DIVISION, GUDIVADA, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

That Chitturi Sridhar S/o Sambasiva Rao (hereinafter referred as Government Servant (GS)) worked as Technical Assistant in the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Gudivada from 29.01.2009 to 08.09.2020, while working as Technical Asst., RWS & S Division, Gudivada he committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:

The Government Servant did not put his signatures in the Attendance Register since 28.08.2020 which shows his gross negligence towards legitimate duties.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Chitturi Sridhar, the then Technical Asst., RWS & S Division, Gudivada by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited a lack of integrity, devotion to duty, and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated/ contravened Rules 3 (1), 3 (2) of A.P. Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE–II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST CHITTURI SRIDHAR, TECHNICAL ASSISTANT O/O EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RWS & S DIVISION, GUDIVADA, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

That Chitturi Sridhar S/o Sambasiva Rao (hereinafter referred as Government Servant (GS)) worked as Technical Assistant in the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Gudivada from 29.01.2009 to 08.09.2020. His date of birth is 20.05.1985. He entered into Government service on 29.01.2009 as Printer Technician at the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S Division, Gudivada, Krishna District. Later he was promoted as Technical Assistant on 06.11.2017. He will retire from service on 31.05.2047.

CHARGE:

The Government Servant did not put his signatures in the Attendance Register since 28.08.2020 which shows his gross negligence towards legitimate duties.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:-

On receipt of credible information that certain Government Servants of Andhra Pradesh paid huge amounts to the fake ACB officials which is the subject matter of Cr.No. 32/2020 u/s 506, 384 r/w 511 IPC of Anantapur III Town Police Station, Anantapur District and Cr. No. 457/2020 u/s 170, 384 r/w 511 IPC of Kurnool II Town Police Station, Kurnool District and also that the officials of the O/o Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Gudivada Division, Gudivada, Krishna District are indulging in corrupt practices, a surprise check was conducted on 08.09.2020 from 10.45 hrs, to 22.30 hrs, the DSPs, A.C.B., Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada, their staf along with the two OFFICIAL mediators, namely, 1) Sri Boyina Krishna Mohan S/o Gangadhara Rao, 40 Yrs, Assistant Audit Officer (State Audit), NTR Health University, Vijayawada, 2) Sri Arekapudi Sreenivas Babu S/o Sree Ramachandra Rao, 55 Yrs, Senior Auditor, O/o Asst. Audit Officer, State Audit, Vijayawada, conducted a Surprise Check on 08.09.2020 at the office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation (RWS&S) Department, Gudivada Division, Gudivada.

The following are the staff details who were present at the time of the Surprise Check.

1. Sri Karna Venkateswara Rao, S/o Subrahmanyam, 59 Yrs, Executive Engineer, O/o RWS & S, Gudivada Division.
2. Sri Potharlanka Ramakrishna, S/o Koteswara Rao, 43 Yrs, Senior Asst., Establishment & Works, O/o EE, Gudivada Division.
3. Smt. Vutchula Kamalamma, W/o late Mutyala Prasad, 56 Yrs, Junior Asst., Dispatch, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada Division,.
4. Sri Ulisi Manikantha S/o Katamraju, 28 Yrs, Attender (Out sourcing), O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada,
5. Sri Kancherla Srihari Babu, S/o Sanjeevarao, 43 Yrs, Office Sub-ordinate, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada, R/o D.No.19/130, Karmika Nagar, Bethavolu, Gudivada.
6. Smt. Thalla Varalakshmi, W/o D.Srinivasarao, 50 Yrs, Asst. Technical O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
7. Smt. Nandamuri Srividhya, W/o V.Harikrishna Prasad, 42 Yrs, Asst. Executive Engineer, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada Ph: 9949873137.
8. Smt. Choppala Anuradha, W/o Y.Sasibhushan, 50 Yrs, Asst. Executive Engineer, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.

9. Sri Ayyanki Srinivasarao, S/o Nageswara Rao, 57 Yrs, Technical Officer, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
10. Smt. Battula Veera Venkata Naga Achala Kumari W/o Katamraju, 57 Yrs, Office Sub-ordinate, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
11. Sri Kona Veera Naga Sivaji, S/o Guravaiah, 52 Yrs, Asst. Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudlavalleru Section.
12. Sri Chitturi Sridhar, S/o Sambasivarao, 36 Yrs, Technical Assistant, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
13. Sri Kandhimalla Seshu, S/o Satyanarayana, 28 Yrs, Data Entry Operator (Outsourcing), O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
14. Smt. Cherukuri Udaya Lakshmi, W/o Paladugu Bala Prasad, 53 Yrs, Typist, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
15. Sri Borra Ajay Sai S/o Mattaiah, 21 Yrs, Field Asst. O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
16. Sri Pedasangati Keerthi Kamal, S/o Nancharaiah, 32 Yrs, Micro Biologist, (Outsourcing) O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
17. Smt. Borra Pavani W/o Ravikumar, 29 Yrs, Helper, IWQM (Internal Water Quality Monitory) Lab, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.

In addition to the above staff, it is identified that some persons also present in the office premises and the details of them are as follows.

1. Sri Mohammad Abuja, S/o Abdul Rajak, 59 Yrs, Owner cum Driver of car bearing No. AP16 TP 2850 of EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
2. Sri Ulisi Perraju S/o Rangarao, 45 Yrs, Civil Contractor, RWS & PR, D.No.1- 16-1, Gopavaram, Kaikalur Mandal, Ph: 9502998666.
3. Sri Anagani Krishna Subbarao, S/o Byragi, 56 Yrs, Civil Contractor, RWS & PR, R/o D.No.1-58, Vadali, Mudinepalli (M), Ph: 8885899963.
4. Sri Koganti Venkata Srirama Prasad S/o Mutyalu, 60 Yrs, Retd, Sr. Asst., O/o EE, RWS & S, Bandar.
5. Sri Suraboina Ravi S/o Rajasekhar, 43 Yrs, N/o D.No. 1-100, Lella (V), Banaganapalli (M), Kurnool District, now Sudhakar Infra Structure Pvt. Ltd, Machilipatnam
6. Sri Korrakoti Prabhakar S/o Peda Kotaiah, 42 Yrs, Sudhakar Infra Structure Pvt. Ltd, Machilipatnam

In the meantime, between 10.45 hrs, and 11.45 hrs, some of the persons entered the premises and stated that they are the staff of the O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada, the details are as follows;

1. Sri Chilakala Padmaraju, S/o William, 43 Yrs, Divisional Accounts Officer, Works & Establishments, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada.
2. Smt. Kambampati Kanaka Durga, D/o late Ramakoti, 40 Yrs, Jr. Asst., near Modern Market, SRR College, Machavaram, Vijayawada, Ph: 9640934643.
3. Sri Maganti Satyanarayana, S/o Subhash Chandrabose, 48 Yrs, Typist, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada,
4. Sri Jonnalagadda Punnarao, S/o Bhaskhararao, 54 Yrs, Record Asst., O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada,

The Inspector asked the Divisional Accounts Officer to produce the Attendance Register and he produced the same, Attendance Register, which is being maintained for the Calendar Year -2020.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER:

On perusal of the Attendance Register for September 2020, Ch. Sridhar, Technical Asst. did not put his signatures in the Attendance Register since 28.08.2020 which shows his gross negligence towards legitimate duties.

Then the Inspector, ACB randomly verified the Attendance Register and asked the Divisional Accounts Officer about by whom the registers is being maintained.

RECORDS:

Attendance Register: When questioned about the improper maintenance of the Attendance Register, the Divisional Accounts Officer stated that the Senior Assistant Sri P.Ramakrishna is responsible for the irregularity. The Inspector ACB seized the original Attendance Register for further enquiry in the presence of mediators.

During enquiry the DSP, ACB examined the following witnesses and recorded their Statements.

1. Sri Uchula Kamalamma, W/o late Mutyala Prasad, Age 55 yrs, Jr. Asst., O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division, R/o 1- 112/21, 1st Floor, Suvarna Enclave, Indian Gas Street, Gudivada Town.

   On examination, she stated that she has been working as a Junior Assistant in the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division since the year 2016. As a Junior Assistant, he is maintaining the Outward Register, Work Estimation Register, Local Tappals Register, Regd. Posts etc., she further stated that on 08.09.2020, as usual, she came to the office in the morning while she was working in her seat, at about 10.45 hrs, the ACB OFFICIALs came to the Executive Engineers' office and asked about fake ACB phone calls to Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division. Then Sri K. Venkateswara Rao stated about his receiving fake phone calls that occurred during the Surprise Check Proceedings etc facts.

2. Sri Maganti Satyanarayana Rao, S/o Subhash Chandrabose, Age 50 Yrs, Typist, O/o CEO, Zilla Parishad, Krishna District, previously worked in the O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada, R/o Sumalatha Mansion, behind Eenadu Office, Patamata, Vijayawada, Ph: 9441364976.

   On examination, he stated that presently he is working as a Typist in the O/o CEO, Zilla Parishat, Krishna District, previously he worked as a Typist in the O/o RWS & S Gudivada Division from 1.10.2016 to 01.07.2022. He had done the work of uploading and downloading on the website. He is maintaining an E-mail book register in Gudivada RWS & S office. On 08.09.2020 at about 11.00 hrs, he came to the office and noticed that the ACB OFFICIALs of Vijayawada are conducting the Surprise Check in their office etc. facts.

3. Sri M.V.S. Satyanarayana Raju, S/o MV Rama Raju, Age 59 yrs, Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division and I/c District RWS Engineer, Krishna District Machilipatnam.

   On examination, he stated that he has been working as a District RWS & S Engineer Krishna Dist, Machilipatnam from 17.08.2022. As per the records, he came to know that on 08.09.2020 at about 11.45 hrs, ACB OFFICIALs, Vijayawada conducted a Surprise Check on the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division, during the Surprise Check, ACB OFFICIALs found that some of the OFFICIALs are not put their signatures in the Attendance Register and the attendance Register is not maintained properly.

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The Government Servant The Government Servant did not put his signatures in the Attendance Register since 28.08.2020 which shows his gross negligence towards legitimate duties.

Thus, the Government Servant Sri Chitturi Sridhar, the then Technical Asst., RWS & S Division, Gudivada by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited a lack of integrity, devotion to duty, and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby violated/ contravened Rules 3 (1), 3 (2) of A.P. Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964.

The Government Servant Sri Chitturi Sridhar, the then Technical Asst., rendered himself liable for Departmental action for a major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

The following documentary evidence is available on record.

1.	**Surprise Check Proceedings** conducted on 08.09.2020 at O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division.	It was drafted by the independent official mediators and shows the facts that were taken place during the Surprise Check and seizure of registers and documents at the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division.
2.	**Attendance Register :**	The Government Servant did not put his signatures in the Attendance Register since 28.08.2020 which shows his gross negligence towards legitimate duties.
3.	Signed statement of Smt Uchula Kamalamma, W/o late Mutyala Prasad, Age 55 yrs, Jr. Asst., O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division,	It shows that on 08.09.2020, while she was working in her seat, at about 10.45 hrs, the ACB officials came to their Executive Engineers' office and asked about fake ACB phone calls to Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, conducted searches in their office and seized some documents etc. facts
4.	Signed statement of Sri Maganti Satyanarayana Rao, S/o Subhash Chandrabose, Age 50 Yrs, Typist, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada, R/o Sumalatha Mansion, behind Eenadu Office, Patamata, Vijayawada, Ph: 9441364976	It shows that **on 08.09.2020 at about 10.45 hrs, the ACB officials conducted Surprise check in their Executive office** and asked about fake ACB phone calls to Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, Executive Engineer, conducted searches in their office and seized some documents, etc. facts.
5.	Lr. No. A1/ ACB/ Service Particulars /2020 Dt. 3.10.2020 of the EE, RWS & S Divison Gudivada & enclosure	**It discloses the following are the Job chart** of the officials O/o EE, RWS & S Division Gudivada

If any documents found to be relevant will be furnished during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE- IV

The following oral evidence is available on record.

S.No.	Name, and address of the witnesses	Gist of the evidence
1)	**Sri Boyina Krishna Mohan** S/o Gangadhara Rao, 40 Yrs, Asst Audit Officer (State Audit), NTR Health University, Vijayawada, R/o Plot No.6, upstairs, Vishnupuram colony, Poranki, Penamaluru (M), cell. 9502551417, **(Mediator-I).**	They speak about their presence as mediators and the things that happened during the Surprise Check in the O/o RWS & S, Gudivada Division, Krishna Dist, i.e., on 08.09.2020 etc. facts.
2)	**Sri Arekapudi Sreenivas Babu** S/o Sree Ramachandra Rao, 55 Yrs, Senior Auditor, O/o Asst. Audit Officer, State Audit, 3rd floor, AMC Complex, Governorpet, Vijayawada, R/o D.No.57-13-15, NEW P&T Colony, Patamata, Vijayawada, Ph: 9848378805, **(Mediator-II).**	
3)	Sri Uchula Kamalamma, W/o late Mutyala Prasad, Age 55 yrs, Jr. Asst., O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division, R/o 1-112/21, 1st Floor, Suvarna Enclave, Indane Gas Street, Gudivada Town.	She speaks that on 08.09.2020, while she was working in her seat, at about 10.45 hrs, the ACB officials came to their Executive Engineers' office and, conducted searches in their office and seized some documents etc. facts
4)	Sri Maganti Satyanarayana Rao, S/o Subhash Chandrabose, Age 50 Yrs, Typist, O/o EE, RWS & S, Gudivada, R/o Sumalatha Mansion, behind Eenadu Office, Patamata, Vijayawada, Ph: 9441364976	He corroborates LW.3
5)	Sri M.V.S. Satyanarayana Raju, S/o MV Rama Raju, Age 59 yrs, Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division and I/c District RWS Engineer, Krishna District Machilipatnam	He speaks that as per the records, he came to know that on 08.09.2020 at about 11.45 hrs, ACB Officials, Vijayawada conducted a Surprise Check on the O/o Executive Engineer, RWS & S, Gudivada Division, during the Surprise Check, ACB officials found some of the officials are not put their signatures in the Attendance Register and the attendance Register is not maintained properly and etc. facts.
6)	Sri K. Happy Krupavandanam, Inspector-I, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada	To speak to the facts about Surprise Check dated. 08.09.2020.
7)	Sri B.Srinivas, Dy. Supdt. of Police, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.	To speak to the facts about Surprise Check dated. 08.09.2020
8)	Sri P. Sarath Babu, Dy. Supdt. of Police, ACB, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.	To speak to the facts about Surprise Check dated. 08.09.2020 and submitting Surprise Check Report and DACs to HO, etc., facts.

If any witness is found to be relevant will be produced during the enquiry

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